

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 1, on the next line after the new title, insert:

– BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention. –

Page 1, between the first and second paragraphs of text, insert:

– Description of the Prior Art. –

Page 1, between the eighth and ninth paragraphs of text, insert:

– SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION – .

Page 1, between the tenth and eleventh paragraphs of text, insert:

– BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS – .

Page 2, after the first line of text, insert:

– DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT – .

Page 2, amend paragraph 4 as follows:

– The expandable element 1, such as illustrated by Figure 1, displays a set of slots 6 starting on its distal end and continuing as far as approximately half the length measure of the [referred] element 1.

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